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# **Cell tower discussions under with ZBA**

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The Agawam Zoning Board of Appeals has recently been discussing the variance and special permit for the Verizon Cell Tower that the company wants to build at the Agawam Municipal Golf Course.

The tower requires a variance and special permit as the current site is next to the golf course's parking lot behind the Golf Course Clubhouse. The ZBA moved the two hearings to a Zoom meeting on Sept. 28 where the Verizon attorney, Michael Fenton asked for a few experts to speak on the concerns of six abutters in the area around the Golf Course. These abutters were represented by attorney John Mc-Laughlin, who also attended the Sept. 28 online meeting.

The board allowed for public comment in which one abutter, Charles Alvanos spoke about his concerns for the cell tower and its close placement to his home on Anvil St., other abutter are located on the same street and on an adjoining street on Forge St.

"I'm concerned that property values will diminish, and the harm to children from radio waves." Alvanos said. "I have four grandchildren that frequently visit my home, and my neighbors also have small children and we're concerned."

The abutter explained that he was not aware of the cell tower until reading about it in the Advertiser weeks earlier, along with the other abutters. After finding out that the town signed a lease with Verizon for this cell tower the abutters filed an objection as they believe the cell tower will diminish real-estate and property value.

"We didn't file a suit against the city council." Alvanos said. "It's merely an objection to its placement." The draft sent to each City Council member and property owner on Anvil and the adjoining streets, was 14 pages and explained the main reasons of objection.

Verizon's attorney sent a response to the draft giving more specific details of the need for the cell tower, along with information on the radio frequency wave emissions the tower will produce. Additionally, the abutters offered four other sites on the municipal golf course, that could also house the cell tower. Though the other sites that were offered include more tree cover, which will cost more money in order to remove the tree cover. Attorney Fenton

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Residents on abutting properties are opposing the tower's placement at the golf

# Mayor, health director give advice on Halloween

By Gregory A. Scibelli gscibelli@turley.com

AGAWAM - The Town of Agawam will move forward with trick-or-treating.

Where some town and cities have cancelled their traditional trick-or-treating and other Halloween events due to the coronavirus pandemic, Mayor William Sapelli announced this week residents in Agawam and their children will have the ability to trickor-treat if they choose.

"It's good in the fact that people do have a choice if they want to do it or not," said Sapelli. "But I think it can be done with certain precautions in our town."

He said the same choice applies to residents who want to participate in Halloween by giving out candy to children.

"The one simple rule we have always followed about giving out candy is that you always leave your outside light on," said Sapelli. "That's an indication that you're going to be involved. We

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## Brownies back on the turf



The Agawam High School boys soccer team was on the turf practice in preparation for their season opener. High school

sports returned with the exception of football last week. More photos on page 8. PHOTO BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

# Council approves new solar array

By Gregory A. Scibelli gscibelli@turley.com

AGAWAM - The Agawam City Council unanimously approved a new solar array on Shoemaker

Under a "payment in lieu of taxes" deal with the city council okayed an agreement that will result in 75,000 next year, and then rising two percent for the next 20

The solar array will be a ground-mounted photovoltaic energy facility. It is expected to produce at least five megawatts and will be operated by Engie North America, Inc.

The council approved of a plan that includes plenty of visual barriers on the 50 acre property.

According to the plan, the solar array will take up about 22 acres of the property and will be fenced-in.

The 20-year agreement guarantees money comes into the

town coffers and would actually save the town the cost of having a consultant make appraisals of the current value of the solar equipment.

Engie will have to pay typical property taxes as well as utility costs.

While the array was met with no objections, Councilor George Bitzas did raise a question about what would happen if Engie were to withdraw its operations of the solar array.

 $Because of the \, property \, is \, built \,$ on farmland, the property owner would be responsible for removing the panels and making sure the land is viable. There are also numerous wetlands on the property, which Engie must stay away

The panels will stand about six-feet tall, standard for the type of ground-mounted solar array. The plan states the panels will be at least 1,000 feet from the road,

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## Deadline set for connection installation

AGAWAM - The Town of Agawam's Department of Public Works has announced that Friday, Nov. 6 will be the last day to apply for road opening permits for the installation of water, sewer, or drain connections that have to be installed by the Town.

All connections applied for after the deadline will be installed in the spring of 2021.

This notice does not apply to connection which have been previously installed to the property line of an existing property.

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explained that the other sites were not suitable for multiple reasons including elevation, surrounding environments, and the amount of service the tower would offer in a different location.

Verizon explained that there is a lack of coverage in the service area around the Golf Course, additionally due to COVID and more people working at home the service towers have been over loaded. This new cell tower can help with the coverage area and help to alleviate the pressure of other towers when providing service to homes. The area behind the club house is a higher elevation and would provide the most coverage to customers. The abutters argued this as Alvanos took attorney Mclaughlin around the course to the different site locations and both had full service during that time.

The ZBA chair, Doreen Prouty read in letters of support from the Police Chief and the Fire Chief during the past meeting, along with reading the opposing letters from the abutters to add all letters to the public record. "

The council took a vote in the spring or summer without notifying the abutters." Alvanos said. "They signed a lease with Verizon months ago without our knowledge." The lease with Verizon was signed in 2019, after meetings on Nov. 6 and 14, due to the proximity of the Clubhouse Verizon needs a variance and special permit and the hearings were continued multiple times.

'This could cause a diminish in value of our homes." Alvanos said. "If the high value homes go down in value, then the low value homes go down too." In the Sept. 28 meeting attorney Fenton provided a real

estate appraiser who explained that the value wouldn't diminish or would only slightly diminish. He appraised another community of homes that have a cell tower behind them, and other homes that have a view of the tower. He said that that the surrounding homes of an existing cell tower barely saw a reduction in value.

When Verizon did a balloon test on Jul. 6 to show the height of the tower, abutters on both Anvil St. and Forge St. were able to clearly see the tower. The abutters see the tower as an eyesore and are concerned for this reason, they provided conducive alternate sites that they'd like to see the tower be built

Another issue that was addressed was the harm the towers RF waves could cause, with being so close to young children. The Verizon representative supplied someone to talk about the type of RF waves the tower will cause and what effect it can have. The effect of the radio waves should be minimal to none as the tower is providing to a large area and is equal to that of appliances like microwaves, which cause radiation on a level far below what can harm people.

The ZBA members were interested in seeing all five site locations after hearing from both attorneys, Verizon representatives, and the abutters. A few board members agreed on wanting to see all five proposed sites, and would rather see the sites sooner rather than later. A Verizon representative said he could flag and outline the five site for the board members by the end of the work day this upcoming Fri-

The board members agreed to meet at the sites on Monday Oct.



The Agawam Municipal Golf Course is the target site for a new Verizon wireless communications tower. PHOTO BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

5 at 9 a.m., and the members are aware that they are unable to converse with each other as to not be seen as deliberating. The board ask that Golf Course Director Thomas DiRico or attorney Fenton accompany them to point out the sites, as well as be a witness that the board doesn't speak to each other and merely ask questions pertaining to the hearings.

The ZBA voted to extend the time period for the hearings of the variance and special permit a month to Oct. 31, though the board is able to vote at their meeting in two weeks on Oct. 13, if they have substantial information.



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## ARREST LOG

The Agawam Police Department responded to 392 calls for service from Sept. 21 to Sept. 27 and recorded the following arrests. No arrests in the public log have been omitted. All suspects are innocent until proven guilty.

#### Wednesday, Sept. 23

James Paul Nicholson, 34, of 49 Poinsetta Street, Agawam, was arrested at 9:08 p.m. for possession of Class A, B, and E drugs, and operating without an inspection sticker.

#### Friday, Sept. 25

Ryan J. Rogalski, 24, of 120 Channell Dr, Agawam, was arrested at 9:56 p.m. for possession of a Class B drug.

Connor Sheehan, 24, of 53 Sheri Lane, Agawam, was arrested at 9:56 p.m. for possession of a Class B drug.

#### Saturday, Sept. 26

Michael B. Falcetti, 41, of 64 Harvey Johnson Dr., Agawam, was arrested for operating under the influence of liquor and negligent operation of a motor vehicle.

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and will also be far away from the abutting properties, which are either agricultural or residential properties. One of the abutters is Crestview Country Club. There are no panels in the viewing range of golfers at the club.

The mayor's office said the plans for the project went through all of the proper steps.

The Planning Board gave site plan approval and went through the Conservation Commission, which examined the project closely due to the wetlands on the property.

The deal for the payment in lieu of taxes was consummated by Mayor William Sapelli and City Solicitor Stephen Buoniconti.

All solar arrays must be granted special permits by the city council per an ordinance that was passed requiring council approval.

The vote on the solar array was delayed due to the meeting being postponed last Monday night due to technical difficulties. The council would end up making the meeting this past Monday night.

# A musical voyage through American history

AGAWAM - The Agawam Cultural Council's popular Applause Series will offer a bonus mid-month performance that was originally scheduled for this past Spring but cancelled due to the pandemic shutdown.

On Friday, Oct. 16 Rick Spencer and Dawn Indermuehle will bring their American Pop Music Time Machine 1855-1965 to the Applause Series. Their videotaped performance will be presented on the Town of Agawam's public access channel (Agawam TV15) at 7:00 pm and streamed from the "Watch" button on www.agawammedia.tv for those residing outside of Agawam. Those who wish to watch on a smart device at a different time should email r.kadis@comcast.net for a link for the performance. There is a threehour window from 7:00 – 10:00 pm when the approximate one-hour program will be available. It is recommended that viewers begin watching no later than 8:45 pm.

The American Pop Music Time Machine is a musical voyage through our country's history, presenting popular songs from our past as the medium to connect to our shared cultural heritage. Hear how America's popular songs evolved in the century after the 1855 incorporation of Agawam as an independent town.

Rick Spencer and Dawn Indermuehle develop and present theme-based music and history programs that present songs with cultural insight into times, places and events in American history. Their carefully crafted vocals and accompaniment are true to a song's era or style and illustrate the evolution of our nation's culture and history in an informative and entertaining way. Rick's resume includes 20 years as a staff musician, researcher and program developer at Mystic Seaport Museum. Dawn is responsible for researching and developing program material and creating period-appropriate vocal accompaniment.

Production sponsors for American Pop Music Time Machine - 1855-1965 are the Agawam Democratic Committee and Agawam City Councilor Rosemary Sandlin. The Agawam Cultural Council also thanks the Agawam Special Police, Elaine Carlson, Hampden County Sheriff Nick Cocchi, and OMG, Inc. for their generous support as Applause Series season sponsors.

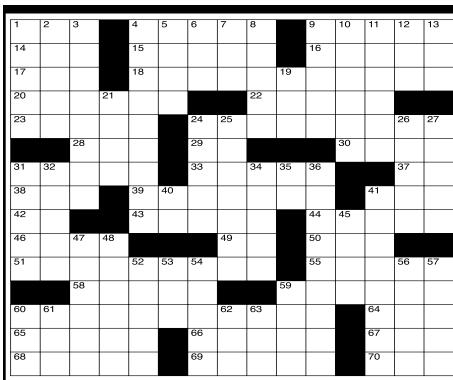
In lieu of the free will donations the Agawam Cultural Council (ACC) normally accepts at the conclusion of all its events, (which support fully 40% of the cost of each performance), the council asks viewers to consider making a properly "socially distanced" donation to support efforts to 'Give Back to the Community" by visiting the ACC web site



The Agawam Cultural Council's popular Applause Series continues on Friday, October 16, 2020 with Rick Spencer and Dawn Indermuehle's American Pop Music Time Machine 1855-1965. The videotaped performance will be broadcast on the Town of Agawam's public access channel and streamed at 7:00 pm. SUBMITTED PHOTO

www.agawamcc.org and clicking on the green "Donate" button. A check in any amount, payable to the Agawam Cultural Council, may also be sent to: Agawam Cultural Council, Town Hall, 36 Main Street, Agawam MA 01001.

For more information on the activities and virtual offerings of the Agawam Cultural Council during the stayat-home order, please visit their web site, www.agawamcc. \\ org. The Agawam Cultural Council is an all-volunteer local partner of the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency, and is funded, in part, by the MCC. The ACC is charged with bringing engaging, entertaining, and educational events and opportunities in the arts, humanities, and sciences, to children and adults from Agawam and the surrounding communities.



#### **CLUES ACRUSS**

- 1. Part of (abbr.)
- 4. Persons
- 9. Moved with a curvying trajectory
- 14. Bitterly regret 15. Cause to feel
- embarrassed 16. Type of toast
- 17. Bobby \_\_\_, NHL champ
- 18. Analogies
- 20. Mixes 22. Beloved flowers
- 23. Clinton special prosecutor
- 24. Avoids 28. Innermost brain membrane:
- mater 29. Atomic #18
- 30. Remain as is 31. One who's been
- canonized 33. Indian king or
- prince 37. The Bay State

- 38. Forms adjectives
- 39. Give off
- 41. Partner to flow 42. Biblical Sumerian
- city 43. Popular clothing material
- 44. Organism parts 46. Central US Native
- American people 49. Blood type
- 50. Wrath 51. Perennial tropical
- grass 55. Vetches
- 58. Buffaloes
- 59. Envelope type
- 60. Tuberculosis 64. Israeli city \_\_\_ Aviv
- 65. Pops 66. Indo-European
- languages 67. Fiddler crabs
- 68. Large bank 69. Not fresh
- 70. Scientist's device (abbr.)

#### CLUES DOWN

- 1. High schoolers' dances
- 2. Style of rock music
- 3. Maryland athlete 4. Softened by
- soaking 5. Native Aussies
- 6. Some are on it 7. Clairvoyance
- 8. Broken piece 9. Wrong 10. Starts over
- 11. Where to hand clothes 12. One point north of
- due east 13. Gov't lawyers 19. Mass of eggs in a
- shellfish 21. Smile 24. Wran
- 25. A citizen of Iran 26. Island off the coast 61. Express delight of Tanzania
- 27 Knifes 31. Beloved "Doctor"

- 32. Type of turtle 34. Leg (French) 35. Indicates position
- 36. Self-doubt
- 40. Of I
- 41. Retired but allowed to retain title
- 45. Algerian port 47. African country 48. "Wayward Son"
- rockers 52. Bring out of sleep 53. Auburn legend
- Newton 54. Heavy wooden shield in ancient
- Greece 56. Choose to represent
- 57. Peace 59. Work hard 60. Reciprocal of a
- sine 62. Explosive
- 63. Journalist Tarbell

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# Opinion

## The Garden Lady takes on fall questions

A gardener from Ware is curious about the difference between dried and fresh herbs. "I grew and dried numerous herbs this summer and have begun to use them

in recipes. Why do you need less of an herb if it is in dried form? It would seem to be reverse!'

Fresh herbs, by weight, contain a great deal of water. Once dried, the essential oils,



which is what

gives the herb its flavor, become concentrated. Because of that, most recipes will call for only one-third to one-half of a dried herb if it is being substituted for a fresh herb in a recipe. To dry herbs from your garden, simply harvest a few stems, secure them with a rubber band and hang them upside-down in a dark, well-ventilated area.

A reader in Belchertown wrote in with this question: "I was surprised to find a small peach tree growing out of my lazy-man's compost pile. I am sure it is a peach because part of the pit is still attached. Can you tell me if this was just a fluke, or can peaches be started from seed that easily?"

Peach pits will often grow into peach trees without much work on our part. Simply plant a moistened pit two to three inches deep in the soil and wait until spring, that's when germination will likely occur. The variety you get may or may not be as great-tasting or as large as its parentage but it makes for a fun experiment nevertheless. Trees that grew from pits in our compost pile over a decade ago are still supplying my Mom with teenie but tasty peaches. Last fall I purposely planted some pits from some awesome-tasting peaches and luckily, one sprouted. Sometimes they take more than a year to germinate; maybe I'll be surprised with a few more next

This question was posed by Marie who reads the column from South Hadley: "I heard once that you can store pots of geraniums and begonias in the basement over the winter. Basically you just cut them back and ignore them, then come spring begin watering them again. Is this true? I'd love to be able to save my plants for use next season, but don't have the window space upstairs to do so."

Sure, here is how it's done: Before you put your plants in storage allow the soil in the pot to dry somewhat. Then, cut the plants back to a couple of inches above the crown and set them in their winter home. Besides the cellar, unheated rooms, enclosed porches or other spaces that don't freeze and aren't too damp work well. Check them every few weeks and water sparingly if necessary, never letting the soil dry out completely. When spring comes, gradually begin to introduce sunlight. Once the threat of frost has passed the plants can go outside for the summer months. If last year's potting soil is "exhausted" of nutrients, carefully repot the plant into new soil. Prune away any weak branches and give it some liquid fertilizer. For a bit of work you might be able to reuse your plants and spare your wallet! Besides geraniums and begonias, the method of overwintering can work with fuchsias. coleus, New Guinea impatiens and some of the new Proven Winner and Proven Selection plants. Good luck!!

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For the last 28 years, she has held the position of staff horticulturalist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to ekennedy@turley.com with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.



## In My Backyard

#### By Ellenor Downer

I often hear a common raven making its "gronk" call. Last week, when I went out to feed my chickens, it flew overhead making its call.

The common raven is a large all black bird. It is larger than an American crow and has a massive beak. It has a wedge shaped tail rather than the square or slightly rounded tail of the crow. The raven has long shaggy feathers on the chin

The female lays three to eight blue to greenish eggs with brown marks in a bulky nest of twigs, branches and earth. The nest is often placed on cliffs, but also trees and buildings. Breeding pairs tend to stay on their territory year round. They also form large, communal roosts in fall and winter, consisting mostly of non-breeding pairs.

#### **Nectar loving woodpecker**

The downy woodpecker continues to drink from my nectar feeder. The other day the woodpecker was at the feeder and a ruby-throated hummingbird flew to the feeder and hovered near it. The woodpecker flapped its wings and the hummingbird left. A few minutes late, two hummingbirds came and this time the woodpecker left.

A Wales resident has seen downy woodpeckers at her hummingbird feeders for the first time ever this year. She hung peanuts in the same location as the hummingbird feeder, over the winter, and maybe

the woodpeckers returned looking for peanuts. They've developed a taste for the hummingbird food. She said it's not thirst as they have access to plenty of water.

#### Injured male cardinal

A Barre resident called the Ware River News/ Barre Gazette office to report she had an injured male cardinal in her yard. She brought him to the Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine Center at Tufts University in North Grafton. He had a broken collarbone. They were able to



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help him and she brought him back home and released him. She knew that he would survive whatever injury he had because he was spunky and even grabbed hold of the skin on her finger and wouldn't let go.

#### **Hummingbird on burdock flowers**

I saw a hummingbird flitting from flower to flower on the burdocks in my backyard. I've also seen bees gathering pollen from them.

#### **Baltimore oriole pair**

An Oakham resident sent an email. She had a male and a female Baltimore Oriole at her feeders in late August. She said, "After I saw them, I quickly put out some grape jelly for them to enjoy. I do not understand why Baltimore Orioles are coming now so late in the season. Maybe they are a traveling pair from up north heading to Mexico and stopped for a meal."

#### Great blue herons

When traveling by Long Pond in Rutland, I often see a great blue heron on one side or the other of Route 122. This past week, I spotted two great blue herons, one on each side of the road.

People may report a bird sighting or bird related experience by calling me at 413-967-3505, leaving a message at extension 100 or emailing mybackyard88@aol.com or edowner@turley.com.

# Town will offer shredding event next month

AGAWAM - The Town of Agawam has announced that it will host a free document shredding event for residents on Saturday, Oct. 24 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the DPW Annex, 1000 Suffield

Mayor William Sapelli is pleased to offer residents this event at such challenging time due to COVID-19 restrictions.

'Identity theft is widespread," said Sapelli. "It is important to destroy any document that may contain information that would make it easy for a criminal to steal your identity. Residents should take advantage of this event and shred anything that may contain a Social Security number, bank account numbers, credit card numbers or other sensitive data. We also ask that you follow all Valley Green Shredding COVID-19 safety protocols."

The Federal Trade Commission estimates that as many as 10 million Americans have their identities stolen each year. Identity theft starts with the misuse of your personal identifying information. Documents such as old bank statements. legal documents, medical records, tax records,

receipts/invoices, utility bills, canceled checks and statements containing credit card numbers, birth dates, signatures, passwords and pin numbers are all items that should be shredded to avoid identity theft. For more information on how to protect your identity, visit the Federal Trade Commission website at www.consumer.ftc.gov

Valley Green Shredding will provide an on-site mobile shred unit to securely and confidentially shred residential documents for free. Residents are asked to limit their confidential documents to 3 standard size boxes or 3 recycling bins. All 3 ring binders and binder clips should be removed. Paper clips, staples, spiral bound notebooks are all acceptable. Due to COVID-19, safety protocols will be in place. Participants will be required to wear a mask, remain in their vehicle, and place all materials in the trunk, bed trunk, or cargo area of the vehicle. Staff will not accept material from the front seats of the vehicle. If you are sick or awaiting COVID test results, please do not attend the event.

For additional information please contact the Department of Public Works at 821-0624.



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# Juried photography show announced

AGAWAM - The Friends of the Agawam Public Library are very excited to announce their First Open Juried Virtual Photography Show. We are not able to have our annual show at the library, but we want to continue to share the outstanding work of area photographers. The show benefits the Agawam Public Library and provides a platform to recognize and encourage these photographers. Awards totaling \$1340 will be determined by judging done on January 13. Amy S. Dane and Barbara Krawczyk, both well recognized photographers, will be the judges.

The show is divided into four categories of photography: creative, nature, photojournalism and pictorial. The entry fee is \$25 per entry up to and including November 30, 2020. Starting December 1, the fee will be \$30. If we have not received sufficient entries by January 1, 2021, the show will be cancelled and all fees returned.

All images must be original, made by the photographer, captured by film or digitally, and cannot be previous entries in our show. For the show's Prospectus and Entry Form, please visit www.agawamlibrary. org/about/friends. For further information please contact Bob Kadis at r.kadis@comcast.net or at 413-789-4814.

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are going to ask families if they see a light off, to move to the next house."

Town Health Director Kathleen Auer appeared on the video update by the mayor, and lauded the low COVID-19 numbers in Agawam, which have remained below 600 cases for the entire pandemic.

"Everyone has been working really hard to keep our numbers down," said Auer. "And you're all doing a really great job."

She said the same precautions for other activities have been allowed will apply to have Halloween.

Auer listed the following rules for Halloween 2020:

Stay in your own neighborhood.

Practice social distancing

Practice good hand hygiene

Do not pack children from multiple families in one car Wear a Halloween-themed face covering instead of wearing two masks.

Do not approach a house with no lights on

Parents should inspect all treats before children eat

Parents should always know where their children are and who they are with

Auer said children with underlying conditions that make them a risk for trick-or-treating should not go out. She recommended alternate home activities.

She said residents who want to participate in handing out candy can follow the following guidelines:

If you wish to participate in trick-or-treating, keep your

Practice good hand hygiene when handling treats

Place treats on a table or hang on strings so you are not face-to-face with trick-or-treaters

For adults, please remember that alcohol can cloud your judgment and safety precautions fall by the wayside

Halloween falls on a Saturday night, Sapelli noted there will be a full moon that night, meaning there will be plenty of light for children and famililes venturing out.



# **Agawam High School Counseling Bulletin**

Visiting College Representatives: If you are interested in meeting with College or University Representatives that will be conducting virtual visits at our school, you must sign up in Naviance at least one day in advance. Google Meet or Zoom links will be provided when you sign up.

October 1: 7:30 AM Salem State University 8:25 AM Elms College 9:20 AM **Bay Path University** 10:10 AM University of Southern Maine 12:20 PM Syracuse University 1:05 PM **Boston College** October 2: 7:30 AM University of New England University of Miami 8:25 AM 9:20 AM Worcester State University 10:10 AM **Quinnipiac University** 12:20 AM New York Film Academy - NYC 1:05 PM Boston University October 5: 7:30 AM Lincoln Technical Institute – East Windsor, CT 8:25 AM Lasell University **Bryant University** 9:20 AM

10:10 AM Hofstra University 12:20 PM Endicott College 1:05 PM University of Connecticut October 6: 7:30 AM University of New Hampshire

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#### Reminders:

Members of the Class of 2021 should familiarize themselves with the information that has been posted to the Post-Secondary Planning section under the Counseling tab of the High School webpage. Most recently, the Senior College Application Packet was added, which is a great resource for students interested in applying to two- and four-year colleges. https://core-docs.s3.amazonaws.com/ documents/asset/uploaded\_file/937652/Senior\_Application\_Packet\_2020-2021.pdf

All students should be checking their Naviance accounts on a regular basis. There is so much valuable information for all students, whether vou're headed directly into the work force, the military, or college upon graduation from AHS. If you can't access your account, please be in touch with your School Counselor.

Open Houses/Informational Sessions/Discovery Days: Colleges and universities will be hosting information and recruitment events, in a variety of formats, in the next couple of months. Check the colleges' websites for more information and to confirm the date and time of the event. While campus visits may look and feel different during this time, it is important to take advantage of these programs to learn as much as you can about the schools that are of interest to you.

Need to learn about financial aid? The trusted experts at MEFA (Massachusetts Educational Financing Authority) are hosting FREE college financing webinars four times per week beginning Monday, Sept 28th through Thurs, Nov 5th. Webinars will be held every Monday through Thursday, with daytime and evening hours, and presented by industry experts, both from within MEFA and from colleges and organizations across Massachusetts. Register for a webinar at mefa.org/events.

Special Interest Programs:

It is not too late to STCC to your plan at Springfield Technical Community College! Classes are now forming for a start on October 28th and will last for seven weeks. Learn more at stcc edu/flex

Save the Date for Women of Distinction at Smith College! This is a program for high school seniors that highlights the opportunities at Smith for African American, Latina, Asian American, and Native American students. The dates of the virtual program are October 16-18, 2020. Admission is competitive, and applications are available at smith.edu/women-distinction-program.

\$cholarship Information:

See your counselor or visit the websites below for more information or an application.

AES Engineers: Is offering scholarships to motivated high school seniors to help in the furthering of their education. You are not required to be taking Engineering courses to be eligible. Visit aesengineers.com/scholarships.htm for more information. Award: \$500. Deadline: Oct. 5, 2020.

Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps (NROTC): This scholarship program offers students the opportunity to earn their degree and receive valuable leadership and management skills while enjoying the benefits of an exciting career. Several requirements exist. The deadline for submitting an application is December 31, 2020. Please visit public.navy.mil for details.

The 2020 Profile in Courage Essay will be offering a first place prize of \$10,000, a second place prize of \$3,000, and \$1,000 for five finalists. The maximum word count is 1,000 with a minimum of 700, not including citations and bibliographies. The deadline for submission is January 15, 2021. More information is available at jfklibrary.org/essaycon-

Tenaska, founded in 1987, is a privately held energy company committed to being good neighbors in the communities where its plants are located. To express that commitment, scholarships are offered through the high schools located in the counties with plant operations (Berkshire Power Company in our area). Applicants must be a 2021 graduating high school senior who plan to attend a twoor four-year post-secondary education program at an accredited institution. The scholarship amount is \$1500, and applications, which are available at Tenaska.com/scholarship-form, are due no later than February 12, 2021.

The American College Foundation (ACF) is offering a Visionary Scholarship, with multiple winners selected to each receive between \$1,000 and \$5,000. The application process is quick and easy and financial need is not considered. All may apply. The application is available at AmericanCollegeFoundation.org and the deadline is May 1, 2021.

The creators of the "Student Award Search Aid" website are offering the B. Davis Scholarship for 2021. Please visit studentawardsearch.com/scholarships.htm to read about the program and to apply for the scholarship. The amount of the award is \$1,000 and the deadline is May 24, 2021.



# Wi-Fi network should get proper attention

By Scott Haselkorn

Chair, West of the River Chamber of Commerce

REGION - For many reasons home, Wi-Fi is frequently neglected. Maybe intentionally to encourage kids to play outside or not spend so much time in front of a screen. Maybe it helps make working from home slower and more difficult, so we disconnect at home more often. Maybe there just wasn't a desire to make things better or a difficulty knowing what to do to make things better.

Now that it's clear that working remotely from home for work and/or school isn't going away anytime soon, it's time to fix things once and for all.

It's quite common to use your modem or router provided by your Internet Service Provider or ISP as your Wi-Fi source. Most of the time they now include this feature. This will work if your area of coverage is small enough. When the modem is in the far corner of the basement from the side of the house upstairs where most of the family is trying to use the signal, it can get unreliable. Try moving the modem to a more central location or closer to the primary use location. You can call your ISP to discuss if this is something you can do vourself or not.

Range extenders or signal boosters can be another option if necessary, especially if you can't move your primary Wi-Fi source. The downside of these devices is that they tend to repeat the signal causing delay and a speed decrease. This works fine for web browsing and email but not well for things like voice calls, video confer-

that provides a new router, where you disable the Wi-Fi signal from your router/ modem from your ISP, this provides the best solution as many of these products adapt to changing conditions and route traffic the best way possible. Most of the name brands have products that do this. I believe the best product on the market is from Eero. They were purchased by Amazon a while back and continue to develop and update the product line. The Eero Pro model will achieve the best performance and signal but any of their products will be better than what is provided by your ISP. Most electronics stores carry Eero products and obviously Amazon. The work and learn from home boom have caused some supply issues. If you have trouble locating any in stock, please reach out as I may be able to help.

## Agawam Library offers Boston Children's Museum weekend passes

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BostonChildrensMuseum.org

library.org for availability.

AGAWAM - The Agawam Library announces the immediate availability of Boston Children's Museum weekend passes, graciously provided by the Friends of the Agawam Library. These are available to reserve by Agawam and Feeding Hills residents 18 and older, with a CW/MARS library card in good standing. Each pass is valid only for the date listed and admits 4 people free of charge.

After receiving a library discount coupon from the library, patrons must then reserve their visit online with Boston Children's Museum.

New Instructions for Patrons:

Visit https://www.bostonchildrensmuseum.org/ticketing

Review the directions for timed tickets Click on the "Discount Programs" & drop down arrow

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visit the library's website at www.agawam-

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As venues reopen to the public, it is

# Scouting is alive and well and accepting members

REGION - Scouting is alive and well in Western Massachusetts, just adapted to follow the restrictions needed to keep families safe during the pandemic. Traditional camporees and summer camp became virtual, as Packs and Troops also moved their meetings to the now common Zoom, Google Meet, and Microsoft Teams video systems. Scouts have discovered they can continue to earn merit badges, camp, learn, and stay part of their Cub Scout Pack or Troop.

It's time to join, and there's nothing to keep a family from joining and beginning their adventure! Scouting has something for youth from kindergarten to 21 years old, and leadership opportunities for their parents.

Normally as schools open in September in-person signups would be hosted by Scout groups for families to join. Because in-person gatherings are signups are now on-line through www.BeAScout.org where complete program descriptions can be found by scrolling down the page.

www.BeAScout.org lets families search for Scout units near them. The search by zip code produces a list of nearby Packs, Troops, and Crews that includes for each how to get more information about them, who to contact with questions, and for many units a link to the on-line joining application.

Most unit activities will take place outside or virtually. Scouting is dedicated to providing opportunities for kids and families to get outside, be active, and stay safe while also participating in classic events with health, safety, and compliance with health regulations strictly complied with. Like schools, many units are using a hybrid approach

Designed for children of all genders between kindergarten through 5th grade, Cub Scouting combines team and confidence building, outdoor adventures, practical learning, and so much more.

The respected and well known Boy Scout program for youth 11 to 18 is now called Scouts BSA. The goal continues to prepare youth for life using the outdoors and advancement to teach ethics, citizenship and life skills. Scouts BSA Troops are either Boy Troops or Girl Troops and are not co-ed. Boy Troops and Girl Troops can cooperate, and often do when chartered to the same organization, in learning opportunities and occasional events. But each Troop has its own youth leadership and does its own planning.

## AAA hosts free virtual vacation webinars

#### Staff Report

REGION - AAA Travel is hosting a new series of virtual vacations to help travelers research and plan their next adventure. These new webinars showcase a variety of destinations, perfect for those looking to explore right now or in the future. Participants can interact with leading tour providers and gain more knowledge about travel options.

"Many AAA Travel clients residing in the Pioneer Valley are frustrated to be home bound," said Sandra Marsian, vice president of the AAA Pioneer Valley. "We are all doing what we need to, keeping each other safe by staying home. But we do not have to like it, and nothing can stop us from dreaming of our future travels. Many of us hope to return to our freedom to travel soon and are looking for ways to understand what our future travel options will be. We are also looking for ways to stay entertained and informed while we wait."

The virtual vacations webinar series schedule includes:

Oct. 1 - Discover Mackinac Island Tour Oct. 15 - North American Vacations

Nov. 10 - Cruise through Alaska

Dec.1 - Explore the National Parks March 17 - Iceland's Magical Northern

AAA Travel has been there for travelers since 1902, supporting the travel needs of members and non-members. These events are free and open to the public.

Registration is now open, to sign up for any, or all, of these free online events visit AAA.com/TravelEvents.

#### About AAA

AAA Pioneer Valley is a not-for-profit auto club with 6 offices in Franklin, Hampden, Hampshire counties of Massachusetts providing more than 200,000 local AAA members with travel, insurance, finance, and auto-related services. Since its founding in 1901, AAA Pioneer Valley has been a leader and advocate for the safety and security of all travelers.



AGAWAM — The Pioneer Valley Symphony is preparing for their upcoming 82nd season and for now they will be completely virtual...and free of charge. In the past, the Agawam Library has received passes valid for 2 adult and 2 children, however this year we have been provided with the code LIBRARYCOMP82, which will allow free access to any PVS "Presents" or "Discovery Series" online event.

The code may be redeemed by visiting the website www. pvsoc.org, going to the TICKETS page and then entering the code at checkout. This will make the total value due \$0, and a confirmation email will be received with the access

The PVS operates almost entirely due to the generosity of the community. Donations to support their education program, youth programming or subscription concert series may be made via their website, or by check mailed to PVS, 91 Main St. Greenfield, MA 01301.





# Vendors doubled at Drive-Thru event

WEST SPRINGFIELD - The Big E Food-To-Go Drive Thru, sponsored by Westfield Bank, has expanded to include six vendors presenting popular Fair foods, Tuesdays-Sundays, now through Oct. 18. Hours for the drive thru are: Tues. to Thurs., 11am to 7pm; Fri., 10am to 8pm; Sat., 9am to 7pm; and Sun., 9am to 5pm. Tickets are currently on sale for Sept. 29-Oct. 4 at www. TheBigE.com.

There is a \$5 per vehicle entry fee and reservations for a specific time slot are taken online in advance. Guests may secure as many time slots as they wish per week at \$5 per vehicle reservation. The time slot process reduces traffic and provides shorter wait times for guests. A special offer to purchase discounted tickets to the 2021 Big E is available at check-out. Drive-up customers are welcome on a first-come, firstserved basis when there is space available. Guests enter through Gate 9 and follow the directions of the parking staff to ensure a smooth trip through the ordering and pickup process.

Tickets are now on sale for this week and the featured food vendors are:

Angela's Pizza Giant Mozzarella Sticks - \$7 Large Pizza with Toppings - \$25 Pizza Slice - \$5 Big Kahuna Gyro Bowls - \$12 Greek Gyros - \$10 Chicken Gyros/Bowls - \$12 Veggie Gyro - \$8 French Gyro - \$11 **Butcher Boys** Steak Sandwich - \$11 Italian Sausage Grinder - \$11 Fried Pickle Slices - \$7 Calabrese Market & Grill Cotton Candy - \$6 Caramel Apples - \$5 Candy Apple - \$4 Popcorn - \$5 Kettle Corn - Small, \$5; Medium, \$7;

Large, \$10; Extra Large, \$15

Kosher Dill or Half Sour Pickle - \$2.50 Bucket of Seven Pickles - \$17 Cinnamon Saloon

Hot Cinnamon Buns - \$6 each or 4-pack

Fruit Smoothies - Small \$6 (16oz.); Large \$8 (24oz.)

Chocolate Covered Bananas - \$5 Chocolate Covered Cheesecake - \$7

Hot Coffee \$3, Ice Coffee \$4 or Lattes for

Hot/Cold Cider - \$4 Hot Chocolate Piche's Concessions

Beignets, Funnel Cake, Fried Dough, Fried Oreos, Fried Reeses or Fried Snickers - \$8 each

Toppings: Strawberry, Chocolate and Caramel - \$2

In addition to menu items mentioned above, many vendors will also offer soda. water and some additional sides. All vendors will accept cash or credit card payment.

Visit TheBigE.com and follow us on so-



The Big E Foo-To-Go Drive Thru has expanded. SUBMITTED PHOTO

cial for announcements of the vendors for uncoming weeks.

The Big E Bakery will be open all hours of the Drive Thru. Enter Gate 1 at no charge for Big E Cream Puffs and Eclairs or visit after the Drive Thru by following signs to the New England Center. Pre-order online at www.TheBigE.com and use the Express

The safety of our patrons is of the utmost importance and local and state COVID-19 guidelines are being strictly enforced for visitors, employees and vendors while on the grounds. Guests will be asked to remain in their vehicles at all times and wear face masks or coverings when ordering and accepting food. Once food purchases are complete, guests will be directed to exit the grounds via the Transportation Center to Gate 1 and onto Memorial Avenue. Please note-restrooms will not be open. There will be limited public portable toilets avail-

A maximum of 50 cars per hour within two-hour time slots will be admitted each day. All time slot selections are final and are

Tuesday to Thursday: 11am to 1pm;

1pm to 3pm; 3pm to 5pm; 5pm to 7pm

Fridays: 10am to noon; noon to 2pm; 2 to 4pm; 4 to 6pm; and 6 to 8pm.

Saturdays: 9am to 11am; 11am to 1pm; 1pm to 3pm; 3pm to 5pm and 5pm to 7pm. Sundays: 9am to 11am; 11am to 1pm; 1pm to 3pm; 3pm to 5pm

Guests may arrive any time during their time slot, but no more than 30 minutes before their reservation.

The drive-thru is open to standard passenger vehicles only. All vehicles will follow a one-way route through the fairgrounds passing by each vendor. Pedestrians, bikes, motorcycles, busses, RVs, limousines, commercial passenger vans, oversized vehicles and trailers are not permitted.

What: Expanded BIG E FOOD-TO-GO DRIVE THRŪ Six Vendors When: Tuesday thru Sunday: Sept. 29-

Oct. 4: Oct. 6-11: Oct. 13-18. Hours: Tues. to Thurs., 11am to 7pm; Fri., 10am to 8pm; Sat., 9am to 7pm.; Sun.

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Where: Eastern States Exposition Fairgrounds. Enter via Gate 9.

Tickets: \$5 per vehicle, for a specific time slot, purchased in advance at www. TheBigE.com.

In addition to The Big E Food-To-Go

Drive Thru, Eastern States Exposition continues its re-branded Autumn Weekends at Storrowton Village. Join us to dine, shop, sip and satisfy your sweet tooth on the grounds of The Big E. New hours just announced!

Sam Adams Bistro - Expanded seating, new entrance, no reservations needed

Open Thursdays through Sundays from 4 to 9pm for outdoor dining and live music. For full menus and more, visit www.The-BigE.com.

Storrowton Tavern

Open for indoor and outdoor dining and live music. Full menus and patio music lineup, visit www.storrowton.com.

Storrowton Village Museum & Gift Shop Storrowton Village Museum is offering a variety of safe, socially-distanced educational programming for all ages this autumn. Tickets must be purchased in advance at www.storrowtonvillage.com.

The Gift Shop is open Tuesdays through Fridays from 10am to 4pm.

# Annual Blessing of the Animals

AGAWAM - Sacred Heart Parish in Feeding Hills will hold its 6th Annual Blessing of the Animals in the parking lot in front of our Parish Center at 1061 Springfield Street on Sunday, Oct. 4 at 12 noon in honor of the feast of St. Francis of Assisi. Blessing of the Animals celebrates the important place that pets hold in the lives of our families; it also reminds us of the blessing of all God's creatures. Please keep all pets on a leash or in crates so they don't disturb other

animals, all animals are welcome. Children who are unable to have a live pet may bring their stuffed animals for a blessing also. Masks and social distancing will be required. Genesis 1:30 "And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds in the sky and all the creatures that move along the ground-everything that has the breath of life in it-I give green plant for food." If you have any questions, please call our Pastoral Minister Deb Briancesco at 786-8200 ext 3.





# SPORTS

#### **ATHLETES**



## Agawam competes in Roots League



Agawam 10-11 youth girls soccer team returned to action last week, opening their season against Belchertown in the Roots Soccer League. The league includes teams from Westfield, Belchertown, Southwick, Agawam, Wilbraham, Granby, and South Hadley. The league plays each Saturday with Agawam playing home games at Robinson Street fields. PHOTOS BY GREGO-



# **Five 2020 track champions** crowned at Monadnock



Aaron Fellows captured the late model sportsman title last Saturday. SUBMITTED PHOTO

WINCHESTER, N.H. - Aaron Fellows (Croydon, NH), Chase Curtis (Rutland, MA), Nathan Wenzel (Granby, MA), and Mike Douglas (Northfield, MA) each won championships Saturday, September 26 at Monadnock Speedway, with Fellows and Wenzel both scoring Super Saturday feature wins on the final event of the season.

NHSTRA Modified ace Brian Robie had clinched his division's 2020 crown a week earlier but, strongly in the hunt for top NA-SCAR Division 1 points - he entered Saturday's event tied for fourth in the national ranking - the Sunapee speedster was third in Saturday's 40-lap main event.

Swanzey, NH hot shoe Todd Patnode, the speedway's Modified champion a year ago, moved up to second in the final 2020 tally by winning his fourth feature race of the year. Hillary Renaud (Vernon, VT) & topped the Street Stocks, impressive in her second victory of the summer.

The Heartbreak of The Day trophy went

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# Sports



Nathan Wenzel, of Granby, won the mini-stock title. SUBMITTED PHOTO

#### **VERIZON**

to Gordon Farnum Sunday. The six-race-winning Mini Stock hot shoe was an early-race victim, dropping him deep in the field and six points shy of a championship.

In the Modified 40-lapper, Patnode took the lead from Rookie of The Year Solomon Brow on lap 20 and never looked back. Brian Chapin followed Patnode to the front but could advance no farther. Robie (Sunapee, NH) concluded his championship season third on the day, just ahead of Brow.

Hillary Renaud led all the way to win her second Street Stock feature of the season Sunday. Chase Curtis, who entered the season finale two points ahead of his twin brother Jaret, got up for second on lap three and followed Renaud the rest of the way to earn the championship. Chris Buffone was third.

In the season-long battle of the talented still-live-athome 16-year-old twins, Chase earned the 2020 Monadnock Street Stock crown six points ahead of brother Jaret.

Aaron Fellows took control on lap five of the Late Model Sportsman feature and blasted away to his 12th win of the summer, finishing far ahead of Justin Littlewood and 14-year-old hot shoe Camdyn Curtis.

While Fellows had also won the night before to wrap up his 13th championship at Claremont, his 2020 Monadnock crown is his first title ever at the high-banked speedplant.

Nathan Wenzel won the Mini Stock championship by dominating Saturday's 25-lapper for his second win of the year. When six-time winner Gordon Farnum saw his championship hopes evaporate because of someone else's bulland-jam racing on lap three, Wenzel had a clear path to

Kevin Cormier came from tenth on the starting grid to earn runner-up honors, and 2019 division champion Louie Maher Jr. was third.

Green Mountain Boy Kodi Sabins, the day after he'd both announced his engagement and won the 2020 championship at Claremont, dominated the Pure Stock feature. Coming from way back in row eight, Sabins took the lead from rookie Brandon Lavoie on lap15 and then drove away, taking the checkers far ahead of Lavoie and Joey Jarvis.

Mike Douglas, seventh on the day, earned his first-ever track championship, unseating 2019 track champ Chris Davis, who finished fourth on the day and second on the

In the mayhem of the nightcap 62-lap Linda Zubrino Memorial Enduro, Matt Gauffin came from 48th on the starting grid and passed Leon Keniston on lap 45 to top the frantic 70-car field.

GSPSS regular Josh King was dominant in winning a five-car, ten-lap Spectator Race.

Saturday's Championship Day event was the 15th and

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final program of the pandemic-shortened 2020 racing season at the high-banked quarter mile. None of the track's 2019 titlists were able to duplicate their success of last

Monadnock Speedway will close out the 2020 Season hosting two Mudbogs on Sunday, October 4 and Sunday, October 18. More information can be found at monadnockspeedway.com.

MONADNOCK SPEEDWAY SEPTEMBER 25 RESULTS:

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Mini Stocks: Nathan Wenzel, Kevin Cormier, Louis Maher II, Tim Leblanc, Kevin McKnight, Kevin Clayton, Jeff Asselin, Jeff Heath, Todd Taylor, Jake Puchalski, William Chaffee, Ethan Marsh, Pat Houle, Gordon Farnum, Shelby

Late Model Sportsman: Aaron Fellows, Justin Littlewood, Camdyn Curtis, Cole Littlewood, Robert Hagar, Willie Kuhn, Joe Bates, Tyler Lescord, John Meany, Scott Beck, Matt Winter, MIke Heffernan, Nancy Muni Ruot, Eric Martel, Keith Johnson, Dan Comeau

Street Stocks: Hillary Renaud, Chase Curtis, Chris Buffone, Jaret Curtis, Mike Radzuik, Tim Wenzel, Nathan Wenzel, Richard Vincent, Robbie Streeter, Ed Brehio III

NHSTRA Modifieds: Todd Patnode, Brian Chapin, Brian Robie, Solomon Brow, Cory Plummer, Joel Monahan, Brad Zahensky, Kevin Pittsinger, Jerry Gomarlo, Eric Leclair, Kim Rivet, Trevor Bleau

# **Tri-County to hold** golf tournament

BELCHERTOWN - The Tri-County Baseball League, the premier adult baseball league in Western Massachusetts, will hold its annual golf tournament at Mill Valley Golf Links in Belchertown on Saturday, Oct. 3 with a 10 a.m. shotgun start. Cost is \$80 per player. If you're unable to play, there are donations and hole sponsorships available. The tournament will include lunch during the round, raffle, closest to the pin, longest drive, and a special 50/50 drawing. For more information, go to www.tri-countybaseball.net. The registration form is on that website.

# Help feature your student-athletes

By Gregory A. Scibelli

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The fall season is starting and Turley Publications is looking forward to getting back out on the field to bring you the high school action for all your favorite teams.

We know this fall season is important to many senior athletes, who watched Class of 2020 lose their entire spring

We're asking for help on this upcoming season in order to bring the best coverage we can possibly manage and fill our pages with names and color.

We know that fans will be limited to the home crowds, but that is where you all come in.

We have a limited number of staff to start the school year due to the pandemic, and while we strive to get to as many games as possible, we cannot get to everywhere.

If you are a parent, coach, or even player, and you have information or photographs to share, we definitely want to hear from you.

If you don't see one of our photographers at a game, please feel free to send your own action photos of games in order to bolster our coverage. If you are interested in regularly submitted photos, please do contact us.

Otherwise, we would love to hear from anyone who reports scores, details, and any milestones that occur during this unprecedented season. Please be sure the information you provide us is accurate and check with coaches, if necessary, before submitting.

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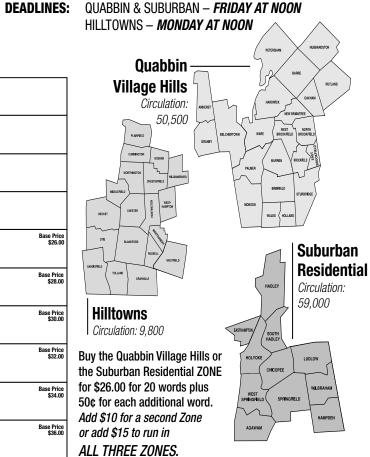
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Doreen A. Prouty Chairperson Agawam Zoning Board of Appeals 10/01, 10/08/2020

#### LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD

The Agawam Planning

Board will hold a public hearing on Thursday, October 15, 2020 at 6:00 PM to hear the petition of Agawam Mayor William P. Sapelli on a proposed Zoning Amendment entitled "Accessory Apartments". Due to the COVID -19 restrictions, the meeting will be held remotely through Zoom at https://us02web. zoom.us/j/85095324641?p-

1Mm9wQ1BaQW12Zz09 **Webinar ID:** 850 9532 4641, Passcode: 917390. Copies of the proposal can be obtained from the Agawam Planning Office at pkerr@ agawam.ma.us

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BY ORDER OF: Mark R. Paleologopoulos,

Chairman Agawam Planning Board 10/01, 10/08/2020

Commonwealth of Massachusetts **The Trial Court Hampden Probate and** Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-7758 Docket No. HD20P1651EA

Estate of: Joan Mary Bassette Also known as: Joan M Bassette Date of Death: 08/18/2015 CITATION ON PETITION FOR

**FORMAL** 

#### ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons: A Petition for Late and **Limited Formal Testacy** and/or Appointment has been filed by Julie A Moulton of Agawam, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: Julie A Moulton of Agawam, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve With Personal Surety on the bond in an unsupervised adminis-

#### IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 10/22/2020.

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WITNESS, Hon. Barbara M Hyland, First Justice of this Court.

Date: September 24, 2020 Suzanne T. Seguin Register of Probate 10/01/2020

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court **Hampden Probate and** Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-7758 Docket No. HD20P1371EA Estate of:

John Parks Gushue Date of Death: 09/09/2012 CITATION ON PETITION FOR **FORMAL** ADJUDICATION To all interested persons:

A Petition for Late and **Limited Formal Testacy** and/or Appointment has been filed by Robert L Lankford, Sr. of Wichita KS requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: Robert L Lankford, Sr. of Wichita KS be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration.

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WITNESS, Hon. Barbara M Hyland, First Justice of this Court.

Date: September 16, 2020

Suzanne T. Seguin Register of Probate 10/01/2020

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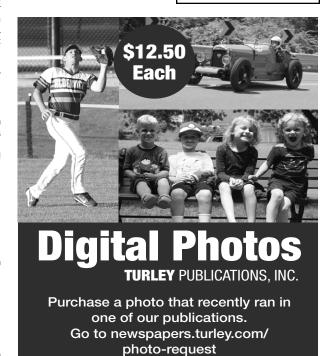
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Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Hampden Probate and **Family Court** 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-7758 Docket No. HD20P1560EA Estate of: **Sheri Lynn Henchey** Date of Death: 06/29/2020 CITATION ON PETITION FOR

ADJUDICATION To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by John W Henchey, III of Agawam, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the

**FORMAL** 

Petition. The Petitioner requests that: John W Henchey, III of Agawam, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration.

#### IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 10/12/2020.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

#### UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE **MASSACHUSETTS** UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

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WITNESS, Hon. Barbara M Hyland, First Justice of this Court. Date: September 14, 2020

Suzanne T. Seguin Register of Probate 10/01/2020

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court **Hampden Probate and** Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-7758 Docket No. HD20P1638EA

**Estate of:** Alfred L. Surprenant Date of Death: 08/23/2020 **CITATION ON** PETITION FOR **FORMAL** ADJUDICATION

A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with

To all interested persons:

Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Ann Marie Boisvert of Westfield MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: Ann Marie Boisvert of Westfield MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration.

#### IMPORTANT NOTICE

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WITNESS, Hon. Barbara M Hyland, First Justice of this Court. Date: September 23, 2020

Suzanne T. Seguin Register of Probate 10/01/2020

# **Ride the Darkside Electric Railway**

SOR, Conn. - The Connecticut Trolley Museum wants to entertain, surprise & scare you this Halloween season with its Ride The Darkside Electric Railway special event. Recommended only for those ages 16 and up, this event will be held Oct. 10, 16, 17, 23, 24 and 30. This event will look a bit different than the previous Rails to the Darkside event because of



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